



To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Violet Davila and I attend Middletown Adult Education's Credit diploma program. My son Luke Davila is part of the Even Start program at Middletown Adult Education I am grateful to have a program here at Adult Education where I can bring my son with me. As a child I grew up in foster care and have trust issues so having my son in the same school as me means a lot. When I got pregnant I came to Adult Education and watched how Even Start ran their program and what they were about. I liked the fact that they are very educational and that the caregivers of my child are background checked and teacher certified. As my due date approached, I harassed Liz Frasier so that my son would have a spot in Even Start. It was important for me to finish school because I would be the first person in my family since 1989 to graduate with a high school diploma. My mom still doesn't have a high school diploma and I saw that it was hard for her to raise me and my sisters without having the support or childcare help from family or friends I like have in the Even Start program. It's not only a day care so that I can get my high school diploma but it also provided a learning environment for my son who is 7 months old and was only 6 weeks when he first started. He has learned so many things here in the Even Start program having the Even Start program ensures me that I have the chance to have my son here in the school

with me as I get my high school diploma and ensures him that I will take advantage of the Even Start program so that I can better myself for him. I also plan on going to Capital Community College in Hartford CT where I can get my R.N Degree and not worry about money or where we are going to live. Getting my high school diploma ensures that I won't always be a welfare mom but an educated mom. I am the next generation and I want to be able to say yes I had my son young but thanks to the Even Start program here at Adult Education I made it and I got my high school and was able to move on and go to college to help others. Please, I hope you will hear and see the benefit and change of what the program does for us moms and what it will do for the future so other moms and babies are able to have an Even Start.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Violet Davila

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This letter I am writing , is to tell you how I appreciate everything what the Even Start program offers my son and I. My name is Anela Cecunjanin and I started at Middletown Adult Education a month ago. I'm very happy with my classes and I appreciate even more the opportunity to have my son, Elvin who is only 8 months old, in school with me in a safe, educational, environment. Knowing he is safe gives me the strength to keep going even when things get difficult.

I am working very hard to improve my English so I can further my education. Even Start helps people like me who want to get educated and also be good parents. It isn't easy to balance school and motherhood, but Even Start makes it manageable.

I hope you will support the Even Start program so that other people who need their education and safe, reliable child care can be as lucky as I am.

Sincerely,

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Anela Cecunjanin

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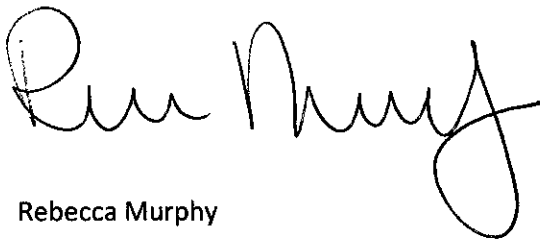
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Rebecca Murphy and I attend Middletown Adult Education in the Credit Diploma Program. I have a 2 year old daughter named Jasmine who is in the Even Start Program. With her being in this great program I will be able to graduate and get my diploma. The Even Start Program has helped me out so much. I can focus on my work and classes because I know my daughter is well taken care of and safe. After I graduate I plan on going to Goodwin College to become a RN (registered nurse), and with the help of Middletown Adult Ed I can achieve my goals.

I hope you support the Even Start Program so we won't lose this opportunity to move forward in life.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rebecca" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Murphy".

Rebecca Murphy

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Michelle Nowotynski, I am 20 years old and I am currently attending Middletown Adult Education. My daughter Bella is in the Even start program while I am finishing school so I can get my high school diploma. High school isn't as easy for some students, from what would be going on in your life, if you have a problem focusing, or even if you need to learn a different way from everybody else. For a while I was just trying to have a job to support myself, and got pregnant along the way, by somebody that wasn't in the best situation. He was sentenced to about 6 years in prison, leaving me on my own throughout my whole pregnancy to now. Even with the help from family it wasn't enough with trying to move forward with my life. I thought to myself, I need to get my diploma and support my baby while everybody else was at work and too busy with their own lives to help me. Middletown adult Ed provided both of those things and more for me AND my daughter. While I get to better my education and move on with my life, Bella gets to play with other children and learn as well, instead of being sheltered at home just paying with 1 person all day. I'm aware of the choice I made by having a baby and being a single mom but we need help too. Without a high school diploma in this world, you can't go very far in your life. I would never be able to make it without the Even Start Program, so please continue to support this program because there are A LOT of mothers that need this help.

Michelle Nowotynski

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**To Whom It May Concern:**

***My name is Alexis Fredette and I attend the Middletown Adult Education program. I have a son who's 2 and attends the Even Start program. I love to have my son in the same building with me because I know that he is in a safe place. Ever since I started here with my son he has learned a lot of words in his vocabulary that he's never said before. I dropped out of school in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade because I thought I wasn't able to do it. After having my son in 2011 I knew I needed something for both mine and his future. It has been a blast with the parenting class because everything that I didn't know before to do with my son I know now. It was a pleasure to get to know other parents who are my age and whom I can interact with if I have a question about my son. It's important to be in school with my son because I can interact with my child more than I could if they didn't have child care.***

***Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that you can understand and take into consideration of why some parents need this program.***

***Sincerely,***

***Alexis Fredette***

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexis Fredette". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "Alexis Fredette".

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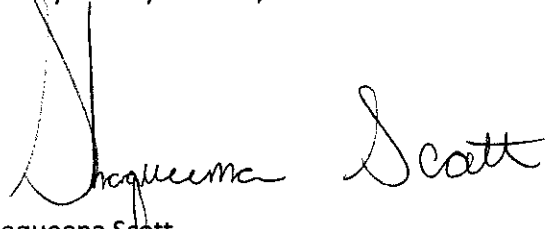
My name is Shaqueena and I attend Middletown Adult Education in the Credit Diploma Program. My child is a part of the Even Start Program and if it wasn't for this program I wouldn't be able to help my child -between work and school. Back in 2010, I stopped going to school because it was hard and because of my own personal problems. I found out I was pregnant in 2011 and I started thinking about my child as well as myself. I knew go back to school was what was best for her, and I knew I couldn't find a good job if I didn't have a good educational background. I took a step back and imagined how my life would be with a child without schooling or work, I didn't like what I imagined and I chose to come back.

When I found out Middletown Adult Ed had a program where your child could come with you to school it made everything better! It's so easy to come to school with her because I don't have to worry about her being with anyone and paying a babysitter. My child has developed more quickly than others her age due to the fact that she's around others who are older than her. Now that my child comes to school with me I can focus on getting a better education to find a good paying job, so that I'll get paid better and can go to college and move out of my mom's house.

Some times it's hard as a single mother who's in school and in-between jobs when all you do is try, so at least on the bright side my daughter can come with me as learn with me so we can progress together. Dual generation education is so important because as the parent can come to school with their kid or kids they can get their diplomas their kids are being prepared for Head Start and kindergarten. The children's class prepare them by teaching them numbers, colors shapes, sizes, and the alphabet. This program is so helpful because the kids are able to interact, learn and are provided snack and lunch with their parents two days out of the week, and the program is affiliated with the diaper bank so we receive diapers for the kids once month!

It's very important that we as parents have a good education but it's better if our child does as well please don't take our program away because we need it for so many reasons.

Thank you for your time,

  
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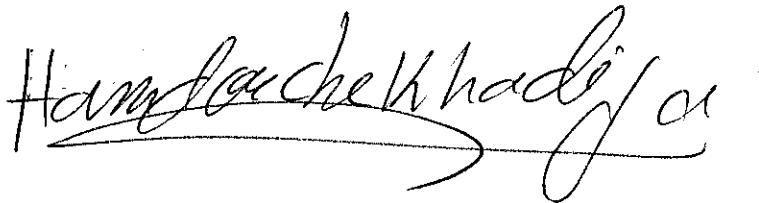
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My name is Khadija Hamdouche and I have attended Middletown Adult Education in ESL program for two years. My child Elias Jebli is part of the Even Start program at MAE.

Actually I 'm attending this school for many reasons. First of all, I need to build up my English so I can live and feel comfortable in this country by getting a job to support my family, helping my kids doing their homework and counting on myself. All these dreams can come true just because we have Even Start program which offers a safe and educational environment for my son. So that makes me concentrate in my class and doing my best. I have been living in this country since 2009 and I didn't think to attend MAE because I didn't know they have Even Start till last year.

I hope you will support Even Start so the other people have same chance of education as me.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Hamdouche Khadija'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the bottom.

KHADIJA HAMDUCHE

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To Whom It May Concern:

my name is Ashley Figuenick, I attend Middletown Adult Education in the High School Program. My daughter Hailey is part of the Even Start program at MAE. I started in the program in 2012 at the time when I was going to court fighting for custody for her. I was abused by my daughter's father for a year in a half before I became pregnant and was forced by him to drop out of my junior year at Middletown High. I was not very strong and he was very controlling with my daughter and wanted to keep her away from me. All of that changed when I came to MAE. There are nice and caring people who work here and who attend here. To be specific Liz the Director of Even Start Program and Christine the school social worker, helped me very much. They helped me get full custody of my daughter they went to every court date that I had to go to and never left my side. This program helps young moms and dads so that they can get her education and also helps them with other things too such as providing diapers from the diaper bank which that helps me very much because I am struggling with money. Lastly this Program that I am in helps me succeed in my goals and as for my daughter the Even Start program helps her learn and to interact with other children her age.

I hope you will support Even Start so we won't lose the resources we need to succeed in our goals.

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